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SENATE RESOLUTION 90 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Oakhaven High School boys' basketball team Head Coach Ron Green and his sons, Ronnie and Rory.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize fathers and sons who work together with extraordinary commonality of purpose to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, during the 1999-2000 season, the outstanding Oakhaven High School boys' basketball team, under the dynamic leadership of Head Coach Ron Green, and led by the play of his sons, Ronnie and Rory, has established itself as one of the best teams in the state; and

WHEREAS, Oakhaven's notable season included an exceptional 22-3 record, being ranked toward the top of the *Associated Press* state poll all year long, and being ranked sixth in their area in the prestigious *Commercial Appeal* Dandy Dozen basketball poll; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie and Rory grew up with a deep love for basketball and developed their ever-increasing skill, gained through hard work and a strong determination; and

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WHEREAS, as infants, Coach Green would pretend to be a basketball goal and his sons would set up camp on the other side of the room, and roll the ball back and forth until one of them decided to bank the ball off their dad's chest; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie and Rory have come a long way since that promising early start, fulfilling their dream to play high school basketball for their beloved father and mentor; and

WHEREAS, with each of them averaging more than 17 points per game, they formed an excellent backcourt for the Hawks this season and were the best guards in the city of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in large part the Oakhaven offense was fueled by Ronnie slashing through the lane and putting up tough runners and Rory bringing the ball down and launching successful long-range three-pointers; and

WHEREAS, next season these two juniors will be heavily recruited; Ronnie may follow the lead of his dad and play for NAIA Freed-Hardeman and Rory will draw considerable attention from Division 1 schools; and

WHEREAS, Coach Green takes justifiable pride in his two sons. He has commented that "It has been an honor to coach these two young men. They are not only excellent basketball players, but they are excellent students and excellent sons. They are not perfect, but they're close to it"; and

WHEREAS, they have also been blessed with an exemplary mother, Toya Green, who has supported her husband and sons in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor Coach Green, Ronnie and Rory; who continue to be leaders both on the hardwoods and off; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Head Coach Ron

Green, Ronnie Green and Rory Green for their accomplishments and being fine representatives

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of the best of Tennessee family values. We wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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